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PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
Tuesday, August 30, 1932.

In obedience to the proclamation of His Excellency, Ross Sterling, Governor of Texas, convening the Forty-second Legislature to meet in Special Session at Austin, the seat of government, this the 30th day of August, 1932, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in Representative Hall and at 10 o'clock a. m. the House was called to order by the Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker.

Speaker Minor then directed the Clerk to call the roll.

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Mr. Speaker.	Cox of Limestone.
Adams of Harris.	Cunningham.
Adams of Jasper.	Dale.
Adamson.	Daniel.
Adkins.	Donnell.
Akin.	Dowell.
Albritton.	Dunlap.
Alsup.	Duvall.
Anderson.	Dwyer.
Baker.	Elliott.
Beck.	Engelhard.
Bedford.	Farmer.
Bond.	Farrar.
Boyd.	Ferguson.
Bradley.	Finn.
Brice.	Fisher.
Brooks.	Forbes.
Bryant.	Ford.
Burns of Walker.	Fuchs.
Burns	Gilbert.
of McCulloch.	Giles.
Carpenter.	Goodman.
Caven.	Graves.
Claunch.	Greathouse.
Coltrin.	Grogan.
Coombes.	Hanson.
Cox of Lamar.	Hardy.

Harman.	O'Quinn.
Harrison	Patterson.
of El Paso.	Petsch.
Hefley.	Pope.
Herzik.	Ramsey.
Hill.	Ratliff.
Hines.	Ray.
Holder.	Reader.
Holland.	Richardson.
Holloway.	Rogers.
Hoskins.	Rountree.
Howsley.	Sanders.
Hubbard.	Satterwhite.
Hughes.	Savage.
Jackson.	Scott.
Johnson	Shelton.
of Dallam.	Sherrill.
Johnson	Smith of Bastrop.
of Dimmit.	Smith of Wood.
Jones of Shelby.	Sparkman.
Jones of Atascosa.	Stephens.
Justiss.	Stevenson.
Kayton.	Steward.
Laird.	Strong.
Lasseter.	Sullivant.
Lee.	Terrell
Lemens.	of Cherokee.
Leonard.	Terrell
Lilley.	of Val Verde.
McCombs.	Turner.
McGill.	Van Zandt.
McGregor.	Vaughan.
Magee.	Wagstaff.
Mathis.	Walker.
Mehl.	Warwick.
Metcalf.	Weinert.
Moffett.	West of Coryell.
Moore.	West of Cameron.
Morse.	Wiggs.
Munson.	Wyatt.
Murphy.	Young.
Olsen.	

Absent.

Barron.	Martin.
Long.	Nicholson.
McDougald.	

Absent—Excused.

Bounds.	Davis.
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Dodd.	Lockhart.
Harrison	Tarwater.
of Waller.	Towery.
Keller.	Westbrook.
Kennedy.	

A quorum was announced present.
Prayer was offered by the Rev.
Jno. W. Holt, Chaplain.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker laid before the House
and had read the following procla-
mation by the Governor:

Proclamation by the
Governor of the State of Texas.

No. 10942.

To all to Whom These Presents Shall
Come:

Whereas, It is highly important
that, to the limit of the constitutional
powers of the Legislature, the tax-
payers of Texas shall be relieved at
the earliest possible moment of the
onerous and unfair burden of taxa-
tion now resting upon them by which
their homes, farms and ranches, and
other property, are taxed for road
bond issues heretofore voted by coun-
ties and road districts for the pur-
pose of aiding in the construction of
roads that are now State highways,
which burdens ought to be assumed
and paid by those using the high-
ways, out of the State Highway
Fund; and

Whereas, Legislation should be im-
mediately enacted providing that all
penalties and interest shall be re-
leased upon all delinquent taxes
paid on or before January 31, 1933,
as a means of inducing payment of
delinquent taxes and of ameliorating
the hardships of distressed delinquent
taxpayers; and

Whereas, Texas home owners
should be enabled immediately to be
able to avail themselves of the bene-
fits of the Home Loan Bank Law
recently enacted by the Congress of
the United States, making provision
for the financing, and refinancing,
and extension of loans on residence
homesteads; now, therefore,

I, R. S. Sterling, Governor of the
State of Texas, by virtue of the au-
thority vested in me by the Constitu-
tion of this State, hereby call a
Special Session of the Forty-second
Legislature of Texas, to be convened
in the city of Austin, Texas, com-

mencing at 10 o'clock a. m., Tuesday,
the 30th day of August, A. D. 1932,
for the following purposes:

1. To pass legislation providing
that outstanding issues of road
bonds, heretofore issued by counties
and road districts, for the purpose
of aiding in constructing roads
which are now State highways, shall
be assumed by the State; and that
all taxes required to be levied upon
property within such counties or road
districts to support such bonds, shall
not be collected by such counties or
road districts from the taxpayers
therein for this year, 1932, or suc-
ceeding years, but that the principal
and interest on such bonds, as the
same may accrue, shall be paid out
of the State Highway Fund; and

2. To pass legislation releasing the
penalties and interest accrued upon
all delinquent taxes provided the
same are paid on or before January
31, 1933; and

3. To amend the laws of Texas
governing the investments of life in-
surance companies and of building
and loan associations so as to allow
them to make the necessary invest-
ments in the stock of the Federal
Home Loan Banks, so as to enable
the home owners of Texas to have
the benefit and assistance of those
institutions in financing and refinanc-
ing and carrying and extending loans
on their homesteads; and

4. To consider and act on such
other subjects of public imperative
importance as the Executive may,
from time to time, during the ses-
sion, submit by message or otherwise.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto
sign my name officially and cause
the seal of the State of Texas to be
impressed hereon at Austin, Texas,
this the 16th day of August, A. D.
1932.

R. S. STERLING,

(Seal) Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:

WATT L. SAUNDERS,
Assistant Secretary of State.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were
granted leaves of absence on account
of important business:

Mr. Keller for today, on motion of
Mr. McCombs.

Mr. Tarwater for today, on motion
of Mr. Warwick.

Mr. Towery for today and the bal-

ance of the week, on motion of Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. Westbrook for today, on motion of Mr. Harman.

Mr. Davis for today, on motion of Mr. Savage.

Mr. Lockhart for today, on motion of Mr. Olsen.

Mr. Kennedy for today, on motion of Mr. Justiss.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of illness:

Mr. Harrison of Waller for today, on motion of Mr. Morse.

Mr. Dodd for today and the balance of the week, on motion of Mr. West of Cameron.

Mr. Bounds for today and the balance of the week, on motion of Mr. Justiss.

PROVIDING FOR COMMITTEES TO NOTIFY GOVERNOR AND SENATE.

Mr. Murphy offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That the Speaker appoint two committees of five members each, one to notify the Governor and the other to notify the Senate that the House of Representatives is now organized and ready to transact business.

MURPHY,
SANDERS.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committees:

To notify the Governor: Messrs. Hubbard, Bryant, Moffett, McGill and Mrs. Rountree.

To notify the Senate: Messrs. Howsley, Metcalfe, Sparkman, Goodman and Mrs. Hughes.

SENATE NOTIFIED.

The committee appointed to notify the Senate that the House is now organized and ready for the transaction of business appeared at the bar of the House and, being announced, stated that they had performed the duty assigned them.

GOVERNOR NOTIFIED.

The committee appointed to notify the Governor that the House is now organized and ready for the transaction of business appeared at the bar

of the House and, being duly announced, stated that they had performed the duty assigned them.

HOUSE NOTIFIED.

A committee from the Senate appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, stated that the Senate is now organized and ready for the transaction of business.

RELATIVE TO PER DIEM OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Sanders offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 1, Relative to mileage and per diem of members of the Legislature.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, the Senate concurring, That the pay of the members of the Third Called Session of the Forty-second Legislature is hereby fixed at \$10 per diem; be it further

Resolved, In addition to the per diem the members of each house shall be entitled to mileage in going to and returning from the seat of government, which mileage shall be two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for every twenty-five (25) miles, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of travel, from a table of distance prepared by the Comptroller to each county seat now or hereafter to be established; no member to be entitled to mileage for any extra session that may be called within one (1) day after the adjournment of the Regular or any Called Session.

The resolution was read second time.

Mrs. Moore offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend to read "\$7.50 per day."

Mr. Lee offered the following substitute for the amendment by Mrs. Moore:

Amend substitute resolution by striking out "\$10" and substitute "\$5" in place thereof.

LEE,
LEMENS.

Mr. Holland moved the previous question on the pending amendments and the resolution, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the substitute amendment by Mr. Lee, yeas and nays were demanded.

The substitute amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Akin.	Kayton.
Albritton	Laird.
Burns	Lee.
of McCulloch.	Lemens.
Cox of Lamar.	McCombs.
Daniel.	Magee.
Finn.	Moffett.
Fisher.	Olsen.
Gilbert.	Vaughan.
Greathouse.	West of Cameron.
Herzik.	Wiggs.

Nays—97.

Adams of Harris.	Howsley.
Adamson.	Hughes.
Adkins.	Johnson
Alsup.	of Dallam.
Anderson.	Johnson
Baker.	of Dimmit.
Beck.	Jones of Atascosa.
Bedford.	Justiss.
Bond.	Lasseter.
Boyd.	Lilley.
Bradley.	McGill.
Brice.	McGregor.
Brooks.	Mathis.
Bryant.	Mehl.
Burns of Walker.	Metcalfe.
Carpenter.	Moore.
Caven.	Morse.
Claunch.	Munson.
Coltrin.	Murphy.
Coombes.	Patterson.
Cox of Limestone.	Petsch.
Cunningham.	Pope.
Dale.	R. msey.
Donnell.	Ratliff.
Dowell.	Ray.
Dunlap.	Reader.
Elliott.	Richardson.
Engelhard.	Rogers.
Farmer.	Sanders.
Farrar.	Satterwhite.
Ferguson.	Savage.
Forbes.	Scott.
Fuchs.	Shelton.
Giles.	Sherrill.
Goodman.	Smith of Bastrop.
Graves.	Smith of Wood.
Grogan.	Sparkman.
Hanson.	Stephens.
Hardy.	Stevenson.
Harman.	Steward.
Harrison	Strong.
of El Paso.	Sullivan.
Hefley.	Terrell
Hill.	of Val Verde.
Hines.	Turner.
Holder.	Van Zandt.
Holland.	Walker.
Holloway.	Warwick.
Hoskins.	Weinert.

West of Coryell. Young.
Wyatt.

Present—Not Voting.

Ford.

Absent.

Adams of Jasper.	McDougald.
Barron.	Martin.
Duvall.	Nicholson.
Dwyer.	O'Quinn.
Hubbard.	Rountree.
Jackson.	Terrell
Jones of Shelby.	of Cherokee.
Leonard.	Wagstaff.
Long.	

Absent—Excused.

Bounds.	Kennedy.
Davis.	Lockhart.
Dodd.	Tarwater.
Harrison	Towery.
of Waller.	Westbrook.
Keller.	

Question then recurring on the amendment by Mrs. Moore, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—50.

Akin.	McGill.
Albritton.	Magee.
Bedford.	Metcalfe.
Bond.	Moffett.
Bryant.	Moore.
Burns	Munson.
of McCulloch.	Olsen.
Carpenter.	O'Quinn.
Coombes.	Patterson.
Cox of Lamar.	Ratliff.
Dowell.	Ray.
Engelhard.	Rogers.
Farrar.	Satterwhite.
Finn.	Smith of Bastrop.
Ford.	Sparkman.
Fuchs.	Steward.
Gilbert.	Strong.
Giles.	Sullivan.
Graves.	Terrell
Greathouse.	of Cherokee.
Herzik.	Vaughan.
Hughes.	Walker.
Johnson	West of Coryell.
of Dimmit.	West of Cameron.
Laird.	Wiggs.
Lee.	Young.
Lemens.	

Nays—72.

Adams of Harris.	Adkins.
Adams of Jasper.	Alsup.
Adamson.	Anderson.

Baker.	Jones of Shelby.
Beck.	Jones of Atascosa.
Boyd.	Justiss.
Bradley.	Kayton.
Brice.	Lasseter.
Brooks.	Leonard.
Burns of Walker.	Lilley.
Caven.	McCombs.
Claunch.	McGregor.
Coltrin.	Mathis.
Cox of Limestone.	Mehl.
Cunningham.	Morse.
Dale.	Murphy.
Daniel.	Petsch.
Donnell.	Pope.
Elliott.	Ramsey.
Farmer.	Reader.
Ferguson.	Richardson.
Fisher.	Sanders.
Forbes.	Savage.
Goodman.	Scott.
Grogan.	Shelton.
Hanson.	Sherrill.
Hardy.	Smith of Wood.
Harman.	Stephens.
Hefley.	Stevenson.
Hill.	Terrell
Hines.	of Val Verde.
Holder.	Turner.
Holland.	Van Zandt.
Holloway.	Warwick.
Hoskins.	Weinert.
Howsley.	Wyatt.
Johnson	
of Dallam.	

Absent.

Barron.	Jackson.
Dunlap.	Long.
Duvall.	McDougald.
Dwyer.	Martin.
Harrison	Nicholson.
of El Paso.	Rountree.
Hubbard.	Wagstaff.

Absent—Excused.

Bounds.	Kennedy.
Davis.	Lockhart.
Dodd.	Tarwater.
Harrison	Towery.
of Waller.	Westbrook.
Keller.	

Question then recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

REASON FOR VOTE.

My reason for voting "no" in salary cut was because no other department of the State was included in the resolution; all should be cut alike in all departments.

HANSON.

PROVIDING FOR DAILY HOUSE JOURNALS.

Mr. Holder offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, That 1200 copies of the House Journal for the first day be printed and 1200 each remaining day of the session, 100 to be delivered to the Senate, one copy to be placed on each member's desk daily, three copies to be delivered to the head of each department, 75 copies to the State Library, and the remaining to be left with the Sergeant-at-Arms for distribution under the direction of the Speaker.

HOLDER,
ADKINS.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

PROVIDING FOR POSTAGE FOR MEMBERS.

Mr. West of Cameron and Mr. Metcalfe offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That each member be allowed a total of \$10 for postage stamps and \$15 for telegrams and telephone calls; and that the Speaker be allowed an additional \$25; that the Sergeant-at-Arms be allowed \$5 for postage stamps, and that the Chief Clerk be allowed \$15 for postage stamps and \$10 for telegrams and telephone; and that the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Contingent Expenses be allowed \$25 each for postage stamps and telegram and telephone, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House;

Resolved, That the post office box rent of the members of the House shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House, upon approval of the Contingent Expense Committee;

Resolved, That all requisitions for paper and supplies necessary for the preparation of bills for the engrossing and enrolling rooms, the minute books and blank papers for use of committees, the letterheads, envelopes, etc., to be used by the members or employes of the House be made under the direction of the Committee on Contingent Expenses;

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be authorized to rent typewriters for the use of stenographers and enrolling clerks and engrossing clerks of the House, and to purchase typewriter ribbons, the cost of same to be paid

out of the contingent fund of the House;

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be the custodian of all stationery and stationery supplies required by the House; that said supplies be obtained and disposed of and accounted for by the Sergeant-at-Arms, as provided for by Rule 3, Section 4, of the Rules of the Thirty-third Legislature;

Resolved, That no allowances included in this resolution shall be expended except for actual expenses of the members, committees, and officers of the House hereinabove named.

METCALFE,
WEST of Cameron.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Carpenter offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend resolution by reducing the several amounts named in the resolution to fifty per cent of amount named.

Mr. Howsley moved the previous question on the pending resolution and the amendment, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—40.

Adamson.	Johnson
Akin.	of Dimmit.
Albritton.	Jones of Shelby.
Baker.	Kayton.
Bedford.	Lee.
Bryant.	Magee.
Burns	Moffett.
of McCulloch.	Moore.
Carpenter.	Munson.
Coombes.	Ratliff.
Cox of Lamar.	Ray.
Dale.	Richardson.
Farrar.	Scott.
Finn.	Sherrill.
Fisher.	Smith of Bastrop.
Forbes.	Strong.
Fuchs.	Sullivant.
Hanson.	Vaughan.
Herzik.	Walker.
Holland.	West of Coryell.
Hughes.	Wiggs.

Nays—64.

Adams of Harris.	Beck.
Adams of Jasper.	Bond.
Adkins.	Boyd.
Alsup.	Brice.

Brooks.	Jones of Atascosa.
Burns of Walker.	Justiss.
Caven.	Lemens.
Claunch.	Leonard.
Coltrin.	Lilley.
Cox of Limestone.	McCombs.
Daniel.	McGill.
Donnell.	Mathis.
Dowell.	Metcalfe.
Elliott.	Morse.
Engelhard.	Murphy.
Farmer.	Olsen.
Ferguson.	Patterson.
Ford.	Petsch.
Giles.	Pope.
Graves.	Rountree.
Greathouse.	Sanders.
Grogan.	Savage.
Hardy.	Shelton.
Harman.	Sparkman.
Hefley.	Stephens.
Hill.	Stevenson.
H nes.	Steward.
Holder.	Turner.
Holloway.	Van Zandt.
Hoskins.	Warwick.
Howsley.	Weinert.
Johnson	Wyatt.
of Dallam.	

Absent.

Anderson.	McGregor.
Barron.	Martin.
Bradley.	Mehl.
Cunningham.	Nicholson.
Dunlap.	O'Quinn.
Duvall.	Ramsey.
Dwyer.	Reader.
Gilbert.	Rogers.
Goodman.	Satterwhite.
Harrison	Smith of Wood.
of El Paso.	Terrell
Hubbard.	of Cherokee.
Jackson.	Terrell
Laird.	of Val Verde.
Lasseter.	Wagstaff.
Long.	West of Cameron.
McDougald.	Young.

Absent—Excused.

Bounds.	Kennedy.
Davis.	Lockhart.
Dodd.	Tarwater.
Harrison	Towery.
of Waller.	Westbrook.
Keller.	

Question then recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

PROVIDING FOR NEWSPAPERS FOR MEMBERS.

Mr. Warwick offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That each member be al-

lowed three daily newspapers during the Third Called Session of the Forty-second Legislature, ordered through the Committee on Contingent Expenses and to be paid for out of the contingent expense fund of the House. The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Lee offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend resolution, that each member pay for his or her paper.

Mr. McCombs raised a point of order on further consideration of the amendment on the ground that the amendment is not germane to the resolution.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

Mr. Lee moved to table the resolution, and the motion to table was lost.

Mr. Adamson offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend resolution so as to read "one newspaper."

The amendment was adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

PROVIDING FOR EMPLOYES OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. Sanders offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That the Speaker of the House shall appoint the following employes for the Third Called Session of the Forty-second Legislature to serve for such compensation as is hereinafter provided for:

One Parliamentarian to the House at \$10 per day.

One secretary to the Speaker at \$7.50 per day.

One porter to the Speaker at \$3 per day.

One clerk for the Speaker at \$5 per day.

One secretary to the Chief Clerk at \$5 per day.

One assistant to the Chief Clerk at \$5 per day.

One page to the Chief Clerk at \$3 per day.

One Warrant Clerk at \$5 per day.

One assistant to the Journal Clerk at \$7.50 per day.

One assistant to the Calendar Clerk at \$5 per day.

One stenographer for Committee on Appropriations at \$5 per day.

One superintendent of stenographers at \$7.50 per day.

One Mailing Clerk for Journal at \$5 per day.

One assistant to Mailing Clerk at \$5 per day.

One Superintendent of the House at \$5 per day.

One page for Engrossing and Enrolling Clerks at \$2.50 per day.

One page for stenographic force at \$2.50 per day.

One Mimeograph Clerk at \$5 per day.

Twenty-two pages at \$2.50 per day.

Twenty expert stenographers at \$5 per day.

Two committee clerks at \$5 per day.

Two pages for Doorkeeper at \$3 per day.

One secretary for Mr. Van Zandt at \$4 per day.

One secretary for Mr. Lon Alsop at \$4 per day.

One bookkeeper for the Sergeant-at-Arms at \$7.50 per day.

One Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms at \$5 per day.

One Storekeeper to Sergeant-at-Arms at \$4 per day.

One clerk to Sergeant-at-Arms at \$4 per day.

One telegraph and special delivery clerk at \$5 per day.

One night watchman at \$4 per day.

One elevator man at \$4 per day.

Two messengers to carry papers to Confederate Home and to Woman's Home at \$2 per day each.

Twelve porters at \$3 per day.

One Chief Operator for voting machine at \$7.50 per day.

One Assistant Operator for voting machine at \$5 per day.

One clerk to the Contingent Expense Committee at \$7.50 per day; be it further

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Speaker, and he is hereby empowered, to dispense with the services of any employe who, in his judgment, is not further needed, or for the misconduct of any employe; and he shall have the power to appoint extra help whenever, in his judgment, it is needed. The duties of the employes heretofore mentioned shall be such as are required by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Any of the employes may be excused by the Speaker for causes deemed by him sufficient; providing further, that any employe who shall absent himself without leave shall not receive any compensation for the time missed during his absence. The salaries of the employes shall begin when they are

instructed to begin work by the Speaker.

SANDERS,
GRAVES.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Sherrill offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend resolution to read "stenographers shall only receive pay for six days per week."

Mr. Albritton offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend the resolution by cutting the salary of all employees 20 per cent.

ALBRITTON.
KAYTON.

Question first recurring on the substitute amendment, it was lost.

Question then recurring on the amendment by Mr. Sherrill, it was lost.

Mr. Lee offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend resolution to read "12 pages and 10 stenographers."

On motion of Mr. Hardy, the amendment was tabled.

The resolution was then adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following message from the Governor:

Executive Office,
Austin, Texas, August 30, 1932.

To the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Only the most imperative demand and need could have impelled me to call you ladies and gentlemen forth again from your homes and private affairs to the service of the State in a Special Session.

Such a demand, which began months ago, has been coming to me with increasing urgency from citizens all over Texas, a swelling cry for tax relief which should no longer go unheeded.

Members of this Legislature are familiar with the condition of the taxpayers, and are aware of the general clamor for immediate relief. You know, too, I am sure, that substantial relief can be provided for by legislation, and that to delay it longer would be unjust to the people.

Many citizens all over Texas beseeched me to convene the Legislature in July, but I deferred the call,

principally for the reason that most of the members were engrossed in their campaigns for re-election, and it would have been extremely inconvenient and undesirable for many of them to leave their affairs at that time. As it is, however, the session is occurring early enough to make the proposed relief measures affect this year's tax payments.

The primary purpose of the Special Session is to enact legislation setting aside a sufficient portion of the State highway funds to pay interest and sinking fund due this year, and in succeeding years, on bonds heretofore issued by counties and road districts to help finance construction of State highways.

In many counties these road bond taxes are a ruinous load on the backs of the people, running as high as two dollars on the one hundred dollars valuation in some instances. The cost of building State roads in late years should never have been saddled upon the homes, farms, ranches and other property of the people; it should have been derived from the traffic on the roads. In the present acute emergency the State should act quickly to assume the outstanding bonds of county and road districts affected, so that their tax rates may be reduced accordingly.

A bill was enacted at my request a year ago, waiving interest and penalties accrued on all delinquent State taxes that should be paid on or before last January 31. This legislation justly relieved the taxpayer of an onerous burden at a time when he needed the relief, and also it encouraged the payment of delinquent taxes at a time when the State needed revenues. The measure should be re-enacted, so that all interest and penalties will be released on delinquent taxes that are paid on or before January 31, 1933. Its enactment at this time, rather than at the next Regular Session, is greatly desirable, for that it will enable the taxpayers to know what to expect and what to plan for, and will avoid much confusion which would result in event of the State's collecting the interest and penalties on delinquent taxes paid during the remainder of this year, and then having to remit them should a penalty release law be passed in January.

I have called the Legislature also to enact a bill allowing insurance companies and building and loan associations to make investments in the stock

of the Federal Home Loan Banks created by the recent act of Congress, so that home owners might have the benefit of those institutions in financing and refinancing and carrying and extending loans on their homesteads.

Under our present laws, these institutions have not authority to invest their funds in the Federal Home Loan Bank. This measure is designed simply to give them that authority, in order that home owners of Texas may participate in the relief program promulgated by Congress, and save their homesteads from loss by foreclosure.

It should not require longer than a week to properly consider and enact these three measures. I sincerely trust and entreat that you work with utmost speed, so that the expense of the session to the taxpayers may be kept as low as possible, and that you may soon return to your homes.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. STERLING,
Governor of Texas.

PROVIDING FOR PRE-SESSION PAY FOR CERTAIN EM- PLOYES.

Mr. Warwick offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following be allowed pre-session per diem for work in preparing the House for organization:

Chief Clerk, 1 day.
Secretary to the Chief Clerk, 1 day.
Sergeant-at-Arms, 1 day.
Bookkeeper to the Sergeant-at-Arms, 1 day.
Storekeeper to the Sergeant-at-Arms, 1 day.
One porter, 4 days.
One porter, 1 day.

WARWICK,
JOHNSON of Dimmit.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

HOUSE BILL ON FIRST READING.

The following House bill, introduced today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

By Mr. Sanders:

H. B. No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the general reve-

nues, to pay the per diem and mileage of members, the per diem of officers and employes and the contingent expenses of the Third Called Session of the Forty-second Legislature of the State of Texas convened on the 30th day of August, 1932, by proclamation of the Governor; to supplement the like appropriation of the Regular Session, First and Second Called Sessions of said Legislature; to pay any unpaid vouchers or warrants held by members, officers or employes of the Regular Session, First and Second Called Sessions of said Legislature; to pay any unpaid claims and accounts of members, officers or employes of said sessions or of other persons, authorized either by the Senate or the House of Representatives; to pay any and all sums for whatever purpose authorized to be expended by concurrent resolution of the Forty-second Legislature at its Regular Session, First and Second Called Sessions; to pay the per diem of members, officers or employes for pre-session and post-session work of the Third Called Session of said Forty-second Legislature; providing how accounts may be approved and audited, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING.

The following House joint resolution, introduced today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

By Mr. Bradley, Mr. Metcalfe, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. West of Coryell, Mr. Dowell, Mr. Bond, Mr. Burns of McCulloch, Mr. Hill, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Engelhard, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Kayton, Mr. Finn, Mr. Holder, Mr. Johnson of Dimmit, Mr. Sherrill, Mr. Albritton, Mr. Steward, Mr. Smith of Bastrop, Mr. Young, and Mr. Ford:

H. J. R. No. 1, Ratifying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America passed by the Seventy-second Congress of the United States of America at its First Session, begun and held at the city of Washington on Monday, the 7th day of December, 1931, which amendment, in substance, provides and fixes the commencement of the terms of President and Vice-President and members of Congress and fixes the time of the assembling of Congress, and that said

amendment shall take effect on the 15th day of October following its ratification; and providing further that this article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution within seven years from the date of submission to the States by Congress.

Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Sanders, the House, at 11:40 o'clock a. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY.

(Wednesday, August, 31, 1932.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Minor.

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Mr. Speaker.	Engelhard.
Adams of Harris.	Farmer.
Adams of Jasper.	Farrar.
Adamson.	Ferguson.
Adkins.	Finn.
Akin.	Fisher.
Albritton.	Forbes.
Alsup.	Ford.
Anderson.	Fuchs.
Baker.	Gilbert.
Barron.	Giles.
Beck.	Goodman.
Bedford.	Graves.
Bond.	Greathouse.
Boyd.	Grogan.
Bradley.	Hanson.
Brice.	Hardy.
Brooks.	Harman.
Bryant.	Hefley.
Burns of Walker.	Herzik.
Burns	Hill.
of McCulloch.	Hines.
Carpenter.	Holder.
Caven.	Holland.
Claunch.	Holloway.
Coltrin.	Hoskins.
Coombes.	Howsley.
Cox of Lamar.	Hubbard.
Cox of Limestone.	Hughes.
Cunningham.	Jackson.
Dale.	Johnson
Daniel.	of Dallam.
Davis.	Johnson
Donnell.	of Dimmit.
Dowell.	Jones of Shelby.
Dunlap.	Jones of Atascosa.
Duvall.	Justiss.
Elliott.	Kayton.

Keller.	Satterwhite.
Kennedy.	Savage.
Laird.	Scott.
Lasseter.	Shelton.
Lee.	Sherrill.
Lemens.	Smith of Bastrop.
Leonard.	Smith of Wood.
Lilley.	Sparkman.
Lockhart.	Stephens.
McCombs.	Stevenson.
McGill.	Steward.
McGregor.	Strong.
Magee.	Sullivant.
Mathis.	Tarwater.
Metcalf.	Terrell
Moffett.	of Cherokee.
Moore.	Terrell
Morse.	of Val Verde.
Munson.	Towery.
Murphy.	Turner.
Olsen.	Van Zandt.
Patterson.	Vaughan.
Petsch.	Wagstaff.
Pope.	Walker.
Ramsey.	Warwick.
Ratliff.	Weinert.
Ray.	West of Coryell.
Reader.	West of Cameron.
Richardson.	Westbrook.
Rogers.	Wiggs.
Rountree.	Wyatt.
Sanders.	Young.

Absent.

Dwyer.	Mehl.
McDougald.	Nicholson.
Martin.	

Absent—Excused.

Bounds.	Harrison
Dodd.	of Waller.
Harrison	Long.
of El Paso.	O'Quinn.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. John W. Holt, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Harrison of Waller for today and the balance of the week, on motion of Mr. Morse.

Mr. O'Quinn for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Boyd.

Mr. Long for yesterday, today and the balance of the week, on motion of Mr. Minor.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of illness:

Mr. Kennedy for yesterday, on motion of Mr. Justiss.